

#### **IV. REMARKS**

##### **Status of the Claims**

Claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, and 20 are amended. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, and 15-20 are presented for further consideration.

##### **Summary of the Office Action**

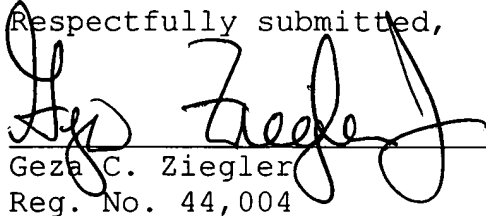
Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, and 15-20 stand rejected under 35USC112 second paragraph.

Applicant submits that the above amendments fully satisfy the rejections based on 35USC112, second section. Independent claims 1, 7, and 13 are amended to eliminate the inconsistencies in language and provide corrected antecedent basis for the various items. The dependent claims 4, 10, 16, 19, and 20 are amended for consistency with their respective independent claims.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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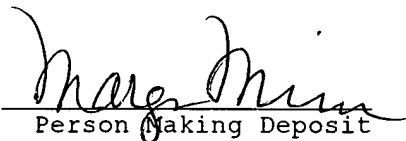
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